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VIENNA FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER DISCUSSES NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA

MAPUTO FOR AMB. YOUNG'S PARTY.

FOLLOWING IS A REUTER REPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
REMARKS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA DURING A TELEVISION
INTERVIEW SHOW IN CALIFORNIA ON MAY 17:

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QUOTE: PRESIDENT CARTER SAID TODAY THAT UNLESS
SOUTH AFRICA ACTED TO END WHITE RULE IN NAMABIA, IT
WOULD FACE 'STRONG ACTION' BY THE UNITED STATES AND
FOUR OTHER WESTERN POWERS IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

QUOTE: APPEARING ON A TELEVISION INTERVIEW SHOW
HERE, MR. CARTER SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD GAINED THE

SUPPORT OF GERMANY, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND CANADA IN
ENDORING THE STAND ON NAMIBIA (SOUTH WEST AFRICA),
THE TERRITORY RUN BY SOUTH AFRICA UNDER A DISPUTED UN
MANDATE.

QUOTE HE ASSURED A QUESTIONER CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN

RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA THAT 'WE'RE NOT SUPPORTING
SOUTH AFRICA.'

QUOTE THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS DOING
'EVERYTHING WE CAN' TO PERSUADE THE VORSTER GOVERNMENT
TO END APARTHEID.'

QUOTE MR. CARTER NOTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT WALTER
MONDALE WOULD BE IN VIENNA ON THURSDAY FOR A MEETING
WITH MR. VORSTER TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA.

QUOTE HE SAID MR. MONDALE WOULD TELL THE SOUTH AFRICAN
LEADER: 'IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT NAMIBIA,
WE'LL TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST YOU IN THE UNITED
NATIONS.'

QUOTE THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT 'SHORT OF WAR' THERE WAS
LITTLE THE UNITED STATES COULD DO TO FORCE THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO ACT.

QUOTE HE AGREED WITH THE QUESTIONER, A YOUNG STUDENT,
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THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S BLACKS HAD SUFFERED INDIGNITIES
UNDER WHITE RULE, POINTING TO SUCH THINGS AS THE
NECESSITY FOR BLACKS TO CARRY IDENTITY CARDS WHEREVER
THEY WENT.

QUOTE HIS BRIEF MENTION OF THE US DISCUSSIONS WITH
MR. VORSTER CAME AT THE END OF MORE THAN AN HOUR
OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY
TO DOMESTIC ISSUES. END QUOTE.

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